



**Missouri Travel Barometer
September 2015 Report
(Data available as of 10/19/15)**

The Missouri Division of Tourism research team analyzes a range of tourism research metrics in order to provide the Missouri travel industry with a monthly *Missouri Travel Barometer*. Updated monthly, the barometer shows key travel indicators that - at a glance - illustrate various measurements that affect Missouri's tourism industry and are indicators of its health.

September Report Highlights

Lodging Statistics: 2015 Calendar Year to Date through August

According to Smith Travel Research, Missouri's statewide lodging demand, occupancy and revenue have shown positive growth compared to the same time period last year. When compared to our surrounding, competitive states, Missouri has shown stronger growth in Occupancy while other states are showing stronger growth in Demand, ADR and RevPAR.

Missouri Lodging:

Demand up 2.9% -- Occupancy up 2.2% -- ADR up 4.0% -- RevPAR up 7.1%

SIC Tourism business sales and tax collections: 2015 Calendar Year to Date through July

- For FY15, a 6.4% (\$749.3 million) sales revenue increase is indicated by preliminary tourism 17 SIC codes reports
- For CYTD15, a 6.9% (\$471.4 million) sales revenue increase is indicated by preliminary reports on 17 SICs for Jan-July
- July 2015 saw a 5.2% (\$56.8 million) sales revenue increase compared to July 2014

Website Visits: 2015 Calendar Year to Date through September

- Total web visits (main site and mobile visits) were up 15.91% for Sept CYTD compared to the same period in 2014
- Total web visits (main site and mobile visits) were down 3.04% for Sept 2015 compared to Sept 2014
- Blog web visits were up 784.3% for Sept CYTD compared to the same period in 2014

Responses to MDT advertising (requests for travel guide via phone, website, email, etc. or sign up for a newsletter that is emailed based on travel interests): 2015 Calendar Year to Date through September

- 147,921 responses for 2015 YTD – an increase of 45%
- Expansion Markets are showing the largest percentage of growth—187% YTD

Welcome Center visits: 2015 Calendar Year to date through September

- For CY 2015 the centers are down 14.7% for September CYTD compared to the same period in 2014
- For the month of September only compared to last September, there was a 2.7% decrease

Commercial airport deplanements: 2015 Calendar Year to Date

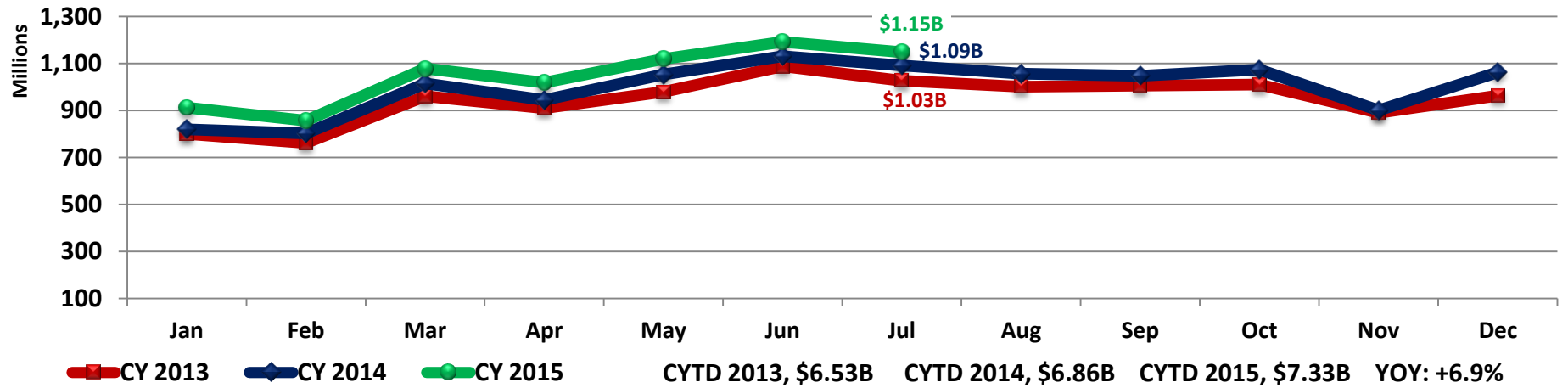
- Columbia up 25.6% for Jan – Sep 2015
- KC up 3.8% for Jan – Aug 2015
- All airports up 3.1% for Jan – June 2015

nSight-Searches and Bookings on third-party travel websites

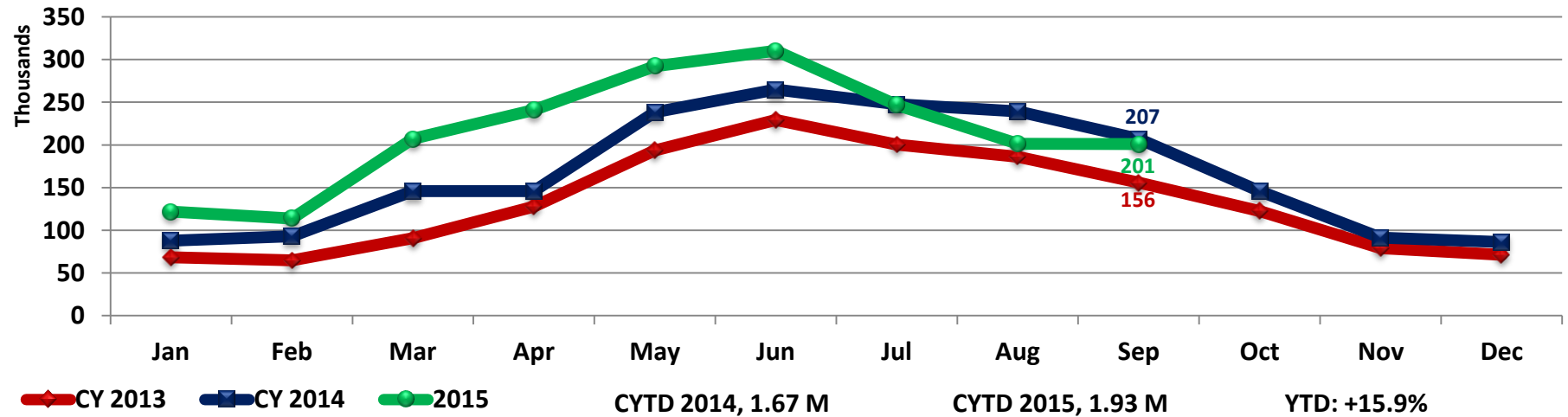
- Conversion for travel (Booking) to Missouri across third-party sites was up 21.44% for Sept YOY
- Top booking cities for Sept YOY were Kansas City, Chicago, St. Louis, Dallas, Springfield, Minneapolis, Houston
- Top searching international cities for next 60 days: San Pedro Sula, Toronto, Berlin, London, Mexico City
- Volume for third-party travel site searches for Oct 1 – Nov 30 shows 12.11 million searches for Missouri

Sources: MO Dept of Revenue, Google Analytics, MDT databases, Federal Bureau of Transportation, STR, Inc., and nSight

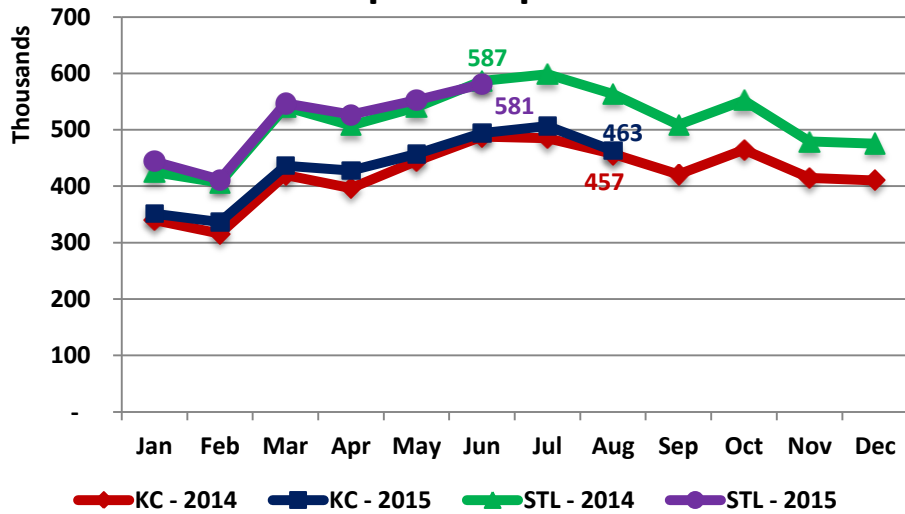
Sales Revenue from 17 Tourism SICs



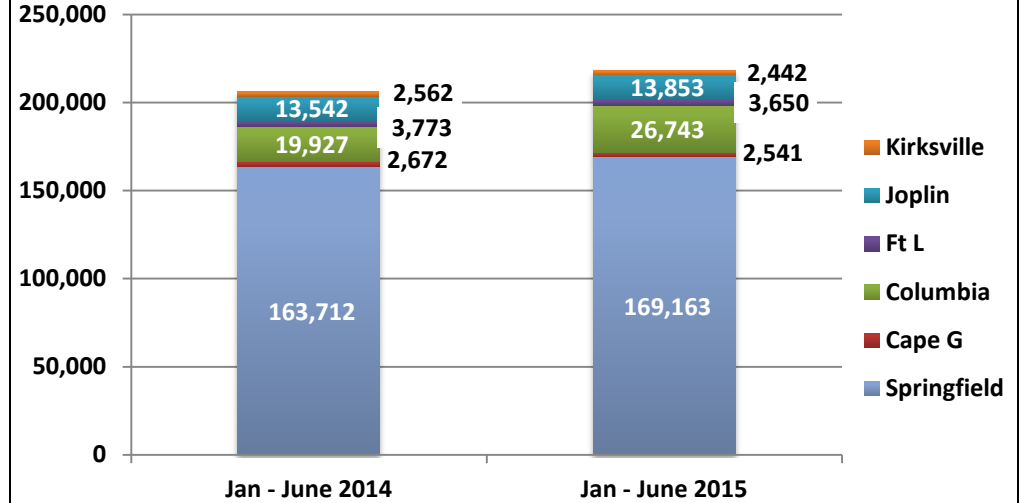
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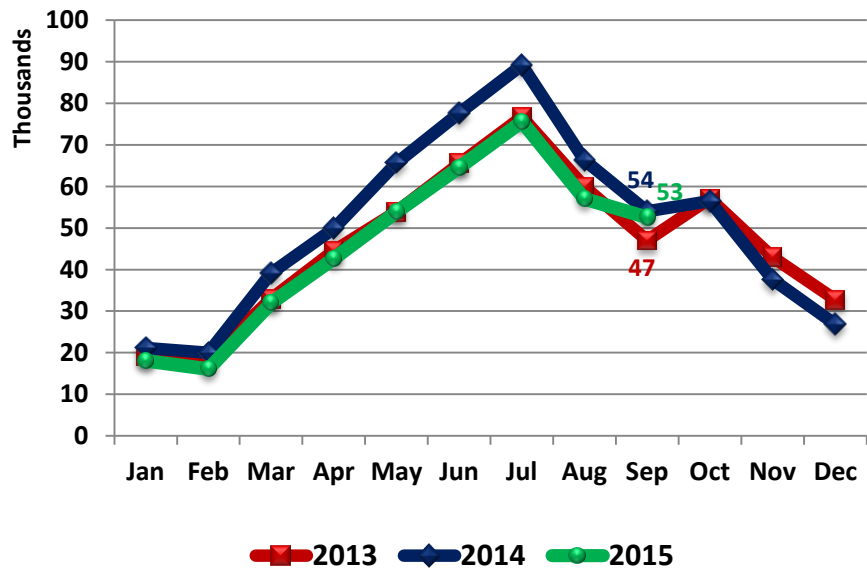
KC & STL Airport Deplanements



All Other Airport Deplanements



Welcome Center Visitors



Responses to MDT Advertising

